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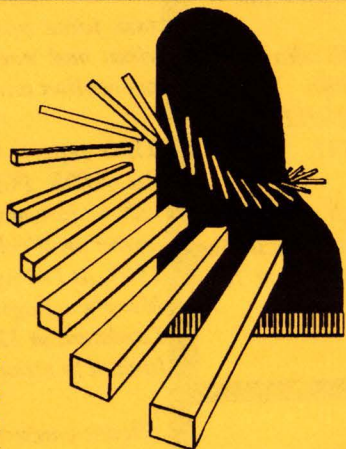
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### Maine Gay Men's Chorus: Music, Theatre, Activism... A Cultural Treasure



"These chorus performances have almost as much to do with theatre as they do with music." "The political/activist energy of the song was a nice reminder that the chorus, as a cultural treasure, is also its own brand of activism and cultural confrontation." These are comments about the Maine Gay Men's Chorus, which will perform a benefit concert for ACLA at the Bates College Chapel on Friday, December 5, at 8 PM. There will be a reception with members of the chorus after the concert.

Despite recent scientific breakthroughs and the development of treatments that could potentially prolong and improve the quality life for people living with AIDS, there is still no cure. This year, in honor of World AIDS Day, ACLA offers you an opportunity to share a wonderful evening of entertainment and emotion, while providing support for ACLA's work.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.  
Call the ACLA office to find a ticket outlet near you!

### GIVE CHILDREN HOPE IN A WORLD WITH AIDS



Monday, December 1, 1997, will mark the Ninth Annual Observance of World AIDS Day, an event sponsored worldwide by UNAIDS (Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS).

This year's theme is  
"Give Children Hope in a World with AIDS."

Maine has been  
fortunate to have a  
relatively low rate of  
HIV infection among  
its children,  
However...

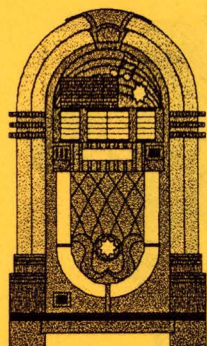


there are still many children who are directly affected by the epidemic. Sons and daughters, nieces and nephews, suffer from the worry, the fear, and the stigma that PWA's and their families all experience. And other children hear about AIDS and develop fears of their own.

*"Children are ready to learn about HIV and AIDS as soon as they are old enough to come across the subject on their own, overhearing a parental conversation or a report on television news...if for no other reason than to put their young minds at ease concerning HIV as a potential threat to them....some sort of AIDS education should be initiated as early as kindergarten."*

Douglas Tonks, *Teaching AIDS*, 1996

The AIDS Coalition's program, Children Reaching Out: Art for AIDS Awareness, helps children deal with their fears by giving them a chance to talk to a person with HIV and to express their feelings about AIDS through art projects. We'll be working mostly with sixth graders, and piloting the program in a few kindergartens and 2nd and 4th grades.



### Contra Dance

Friday, November 7th, 8 P.M. to midnight. Chase Hall Lounge, Bates College. Music by Scrod Pudding with caller Bill Olsen.

All proceeds to benefit ACLA.  
\$5.00 at the door.

Sponsored by the Freewill Folk Society  
of Bates College.

My address has changed to:

Please take my name off ACLA's mailing list:

Please add this name to ACLA's mailing list:

Enclosed please find my gift of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to further the  
work of the AIDS Coalition.

Please send me a volunteer application:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



### Upcoming Events:

**December 5, 8 PM, Maine Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert** to benefit ACLA at Bates Chapel, Lewiston. **Donation \$10.00.**

**Love Makes A Family: Living in Lesbian and Gay Families**, the acclaimed photo-text exhibit, will be shown at the University of Southern Maine's Lewiston-Auburn College in the hall gallery, from December 5 through January 3. The college will host a reception on Sunday, December 7, from 2 to 4 PM. At the reception, representatives of local gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender organizations will talk about the work they do.

For more information,  
call Robyn Holman  
at L/A College, 753-6554.

### OUTRIGHT Lewiston-Auburn

*Drop-in group for gay,  
lesbian, bisexual, transgender,  
and questioning young people  
age 22 and under meets the 1st  
and 3rd  
Friday of each month.*

*If you're a youth who wants  
more info  
call OUTRIGHT at  
786-2717.*

*If you're an adult who wants  
to learn more about becoming  
an advisor call Nancy at 786-  
4697.*



### *Our Lives In Our Hands: An AIDS Plan for Lewiston-Auburn*

*For the past two  
years, a community  
task force has been studying local ser-  
vices and needs as they relate to HIV  
prevention and support in the L/A area.*

*Their report, Our Lives In Our Hands:  
An AIDS Plan for Lewiston-Auburn,  
will be presented to the public at a lun-  
cheon on World AIDS Day, December 1,  
1997, at LePage Conference Center, St.  
Mary's Regional Medical Center,  
Lewiston, at 12 Noon. You are cordially  
invited to attend.*

*Please contact Nancy Bullett at ACLA  
for reservations.*

### Support Groups

for People Living with HIV /AIDS

**In Auburn, Tuesdays from 1:30 - 3 pm** at Auburn Family Planning. Call Diana Carrigan at The AIDS Project: 783-4301.

**In Gardiner, Wednesdays from 1:30 - 3 pm** at the Physicians Building behind KVRHA Annex. Call Merrymeeting AIDS Support Services at: 725-4955.

**For People Whose Partners Have Died of AIDS.** In Auburn, Thursdays, 1 - 2:30 pm at One Auburn Center. Call Diana Carrigan at The AIDS Project: 783-4301.

*Out&About is now available.*

O&A is greater Lewiston-Auburn's guide to events, happenings, and goings on by, for, and of interest to gay men, lesbians, and their allies. For more information or to get on the mailing list, call ACLA or write O&A / P.O. Box 7977 / Lewiston, Maine 04243



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